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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Suite 222
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Dear Commissioners:

As a provider of police services in Beaverton, Washington County, Oregon, we want to inform you that our agency would be adversely affected by the migration plan, as proposed in PR Docket 92-235. We feel this is an unrealistic plan, and it raises serious concerns about officer safety due to decreased radio coverage.

The proposal would require additional hilltop radio sites in order to assure adequate coverage in our jurisdiction, something which is economically unfeasible. We must consider safety issues regarding our officers, who rely on radio communication every day in potentially life-threatening situations. The 92-235 plan would also require a change of all existing mobiles and portables to a narrow-band system, which is also economically unfeasible.

It appears that would prohibit mobile relay operations in the 150-174 MHz band for public safety services. This would reduce coverage under our current system, raising questions about the safety of our officers in areas where car-to-car communications would be greatly affected. Concerns about the technical aspect of how well the radios will work must also be considered. We believe it would be a great help to delay implementation of the plan at least 10 years in order for various jurisdictions to gradually change over to a new system. This would be the most economically feasible plan and one which would least affect officer safety.

We agree with APCO's comments, which you have received. We encourage you to work with the APCO 25 Committee on this issue.

Sincerely,
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Chief of Police

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